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THURSDAY
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We had a delegation meeting at the Talleyrand this morning and then went on to the Palais de Chaillot for a Nine Power Meeting, the first Four Power Meeting having occurred yesterday afternoon. All went rather smoothly.

I had a short talk with Anthony Eden, who seemed much gratified at having yesterday been made a Knight of the Garter, one of the few commoners ever to receive this honor.

I lunched with Sammy Hood, [redacted] a strong advocate of building up NATO. He thinks this will be British Government policy.

We returned to the Palais de Chaillot this afternoon for a session which lasted until after eight o'clock. Mendès had several French proposals to make which occasioned considerable debate, but finally the proceedings came to an end.

There will be no meeting tomorrow morning, and it is hoped everything can be concluded tomorrow afternoon and the final papers signed on Saturday. This assumes the French and Germans will reach an acceptable compromise on the Saar. I discussed this briefly with Hallstein, who said this question was still [redacted] confused, and he would venture no predictions on the outcome.

The Conants dined with us tonight, and afterwards I had a long conversation with Jim about affairs in Germany. He is pessimistic over what could and might happen there once the strong personality of Adenauer were removed from the political scene.

During a brief interval at the Palais de Chaillot this afternoon, Foster Dulles drew me aside and asked, if the occasion should arise, whether I would be interested in becoming Ambassador to Germany or to Brazil. I told him no. I said that, as regarded Germany, I thought it essential that, when Conant dropped out, he should be replaced by another American who speaks German.

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